

The Fortress

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A&S Champion	THL Domin d'Alsace
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Fighter Practices

Fighter Practice: Held Thursdays, 6:30-9:15 pm

Jefferson County Fairgrounds 15200 W. 6th Ave., Golden, CO 80401. Contact: Knight Marshal, Lord Tahir al-Razi- 303-324-2157, mangled_mace@yahoo.com

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Thursdays, 6:30-9:15 pm

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Archery Practice:

Mondays at Gander Mtn 6 til 9pm . Gander Mountain - 14000 E. Jewell Ave., Aurora Co. 80012, (right off of I-225) Cost: \$5.00

Scout Park Practice is cancelled until Spring.

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Baronial business Meetings:

Meetings are open to the populace.

The Barony of Caerthe holds its Business Meeting and populace gathering on the first Monday of each month from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. We meet on the First Floor of the Englewood Civic Center in one of the two large conference rooms (generally in the Perrin Room). Address: 1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood, CO 80110.

Directions: Take best route to the intersection of Santa Fe Dr and W. Hampden Ave. Turn East on Hampden Ave. to S. Inca Way. Turn North on Inca Way, then immediately left into the subterranean parking garage. The Englewood Library will be on the left side of the road where Inca Way intersects with Englewood Pkwy.

eneschals Report

Greetings Unto the Populace of Caerthe,

I hope that everybody had a chance to enjoy this year's Scottish Twelfth Night. Fear not if you missed it (though it was an excellent Twelfth Night!) as there are some excellent events upcoming.

Happily though, there is more to Caerthe than just the weekend events. As will be highlighted in the Outlandish Herald we have weekly fighter practices, weekly archery practices, and various other regular meetings.

There are in fact, plenty of ways to get involved in the barony. Recently someone even inquired of me if mthere was a way to help the barony except without committing to an officer position or spending large amounts of time. Yes! Yes! And Yes!

There are plenty of one time projects that are in need of completion. Scrolls are also often in need of being written. A number of officers are also looking for deputies. Being a deputy does not commit you to the position but is a great way to determine if this is a position for you. Essentially, if you're looking for a way to be active or help the barony, please let me know and I will be happy to assist you in finding something that will suit.

It remains my honor, privilege, and pleasure to serve as seneschal.



In service to Caerthe, the Outlands, and the Dream,
THL Jethro Stille
Seneschal of Caerthe



Come join the Caerthen Cooks' Guild on Sunday, February 26, as we celebrate Butter Week (Maslenitsa). In the Orthodox calendar, this is the time to eat and enjoy dairy foods and foods made with butter, milk, eggs and cheese--all of these being forbidden during Lent. The traditional food includes pancakes (blini), served with a variety of toppings.

Bring something to share, or just bring yourself. We'll be making blini--wear something washable. Garb or modern clothing welcome.

Address: Mistress Kseniya and THL Johann's home:

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1-4pm

Allergy alert--we have three cats

Nonsmoking household

In Service

Mistress Kseniya

Upcoming Events

February 4 Dragonsspine Winter Feast; 18 Corazon del Leon;
18 All Peers Meeting

March 10-11 Crown Tourney; 11-18 Gulf War XXI; 17 Outlands Heralds & Scribes; 27-2
Estrella War

April 7 Fontaine's Baronial Investiture and A Sworded Affaire; 14 Kingdom A&S;
20-23 Known World Cooks and Bards 2012;

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Meeting minutes

Populace Meeting Notes, Caerthe Business Meeting – January 2, 2012

Meeting started at 6:30. Her Excellency Baroness Magge and Senechal THL Jethro presiding.

- Reading excerpts from thank you letters send by grade school children regarding Montessori demo
- "Goals for year?" (THL Jethro) No responses. Populace asked to consider goals for next meeting.

Cantons and Colleges

- Readstan - several offices open and seeking candidates, no archery practice until spring, no fighter practice until spring
- Ravenhyrst - (no report)
- Hawks Hollow - financial report, practice reports, business meeting site arrangements made for 2012 (4th Tuesdays), canton yule report, Crossroads event on kingdom event calendar for 2012
- (Colleges are on break)

Officers

- MoC - (no report), waiting on background check
- CoA - practice continues, Gander Mountain , avg 12 shooters
- Scribes - scroll assignments out for 12th Night, 13 people currently working on scrolls
- Herald - no returns yet, all deputies reporting, discussion on new baronial award name and blazon (variations on acorn)
- Rapier - practice reports, fighters minimum 12, average 14, max 26, No practice until 1/19/2012
- Knight Marshal - No Jeffco practice until 1/19/2012, practices average 6 fighters, THL Forrester will step up as new KM at 12th Night
- Hospitaler - "doomsday reports are done"
- Exchequer - "We have money", financial report
- A&S - (no report)
- Chronicler - report submitted, plug given for online Fortress subscriptions, seeking article submissions (particularly for A&S articles in conjunction with Tri-Baronial A&S in March)
- Webmaster - report submitted, "no problems"
- Quartermaster - report submitted, planning organizing and shelving activities

Guilds

- Leatherworkers - report submitted, guild meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays
- Cooks - January will feature Asian Dumplings, February will feature Russian Pancakes, March will be prep for KW Cooks & Bards

Beloved Baroness - new baronial guard tabbards for 12th Night, admonition to get your events on the kingdom event calendar for 2012 and 2013

Seneschal - seeking bids for a summer camping event (local, not kingdom), new event autocrat packages available, Caerthean Directory on sale at 12th Night, several officer deputy positions are open, doomsday reports are due, northern regional fighter practices Caerthe on January 8th and Unser Haven last Sunday in February, KW Cooks and Bards

preparations proceeding nicely

Old Business

- New thrones will not be finished before 12th Night, project proceeding nicely
- 12th Night - "Everything's okay", many merchants pre-registered, seeking servers, clean-up, and gate help, PARKING ON NORTH SIDE OF HALL ONLY
- Blackthorn Memorial Trees - trees have been planted at Cornerstone Park , baronial expenditure approved by SCA corporate, final tree will be paid for by Canton of Readstan

New Business

- Ride sharing to Caer Galen practices available, contact Lord Buta

Meeting adjourned at 7:38. A good time was had by all.

Letters Across Time

Baronesa Agnes to Dona Constanza Marina

Baronesa¹ agnes², humbly grateful to the Lord God for all he has bestowed upon her, unto her beloved cousin, doña constanza marina³, a noble gentlewoman whose actions in both word and deed should be emulated by one and all, greetings

I hope this missive finds you well and your works prospering.⁴

I am writing in some haste to tell you that we sail for nueva españa on the early tide on the morrow. I have already spent my last night ashore as we embarked this post noon. the docks were a confusion. the ship was loading many animals especially horses mules and more than a score of goats. barrels and boxes for the indies too, for they lack cloth and wheat, iron tools and furniture. i watched the sailors wrestle a great oak chest aboard. it must have been very heavy indeed. and in addition to my husband's party, a handful of other travelers. the noise was deafening and yet the sailors got cargo and passengers aboard expeditiously.

The ship is a maybe 25 of my paces long⁵, elegantly painted in black and gold. she is called santiago and is sailed by capitan don juan torrez he is a nephew of don alphonse de mendosa⁶ and so in that sense is a kinsman of ours.

capitan don juan has sailed to the indies twice before and brought back great riches. all the ships sailing to the indies carry all manner of goods, as i said horses sheep and goats slaves furniture housewares spices and especially cloth and clothing to the men in the nueva españa. when the ship returns it brings silver and gold and sometimes exotic wood, dyes and unknown plants and small animals.

My husband barón carlos-ricardo and i share a tiny cabin. the servants shall sleep somewhere below. in just moments maria arranged my possessions.

continued...

getting to things in the cramped conditions of the ship will be the more difficult thing i doubt not.

With fair winds and good weather we should see land in the indies in three months. from hispaniola or panama we will go by wagon to the south sea.⁷ the trip to peru then takes us down the south sea to the port of lima. i hope we will find barón carlos-ricardo's nephew don martin luis santamaria y d'andrade. don martin sailed to the indies and followed his fortune to the conquest of the indians in peru but his great aunt has died and left barón carlos-ricardo trustee for a fine estate east of santiago de compostela. don martin is said to be alive and yet has sent no message. barón carlos-ricardo impetuous as ever needs must go himself when his messengers failed to give him satisfaction. and how could i not go when as you yourself have said the strange new lands of nueva españa seize the imagination so! here was a chance that i might see it myself⁸. barón carlos-ricardo and all the other sensible folk could not talk me out of going myself. and in truth barón carlos-ricardo is happy enough to have me present to see that things are done exactly the way he likes them.

It may be that i do not return there is much danger from storms and fevers wild animals and untamed savages. if so so be it.

But i know dozens of persons who have returned from the indies and i shall take care to be one of them.

The notary must soon go ashore so i shall wish you good health and prosperous times. i shall write from the ship sending the letters to you when i may. The good God keep you and your family my dear.

1 Capitals? What are the rules in the mid 1500s? I thought to capitalize to show when sentences start and God but not otherwise

2 This is Blackmoor LET, but I have a Mac so it may not come out as written. Let me know.

3 Titles? Lockhart, Spanish Peru 1532-1560, makes the point that anyone who could (legitimately) claim hidalgo status would have Don or Doña in front of his or her name at all times. I can dodge the fact that dona is not a legitimate title for me in the SCA by using baronesa. Lockhart lists male occupations that became continuously-used titles for individuals, such as Licenciado, but I don't know female titles other than Doña.

4 Punctuation? Periods seem to be pretty common in late period calligraphy examples, so I'll end sentences with them but try to avoid other marks beyond question marks.

5 Columbus's ships 87 feet Santa Maria 72 foot Niña; a woman's pace is less than 3 feet.

6 I am wildly making up people but I think traveling to a strange place would be done by personal connection whenever possible and those connections would be important to the traveler's sense of security.

7 The Spanish called the Pacific the South Sea (because they crossed Panama and went south from there to Peru, I think)

8 Working out a reason for a gentlewoman to visit the New World was a challenge. I hope this story line will work.



Canton of Hawk's Hollow

The Canton of Hawk's Hollow is a subsidiary branch of the Barony of Caerthe representing the northern Denver metropolitan area including the cities of Westminster, Thornton, Northglenn & Commerce City.

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Held in the O'Meara Ford Community Room on the last Friday of the Month (barring conflict) from 7pm to 9pm.

Directions: From I-25 and 104th Ave, go West to Melody Dr. Make a U-turn so you are heading East on 104th. O'Meara is between Melody and Bannock on the south side of 104th Ave.

Parking: You can park either in front (by the Heidi's Deli) or on the west side of the building.

Archery:

Outdoor archery in the Fall and Winter is subject to weather. Please contact the Archery Captain for current practice information.

For more information:

Go to the Canton of Hawk's Hollow website at

www.hawkshollow.org

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College of three spires

The College of Three Spires received its full status at Caerthen 12th Night on January 6, 2007. It is associated with the colleges at the Metro campus in Denver.

At present, there are not sufficient members for the college to be active. If you are a student attending Metro, and are interested in holding one of the offices below, please contact the Adviser, Mistress GwenCat at the contact listed below.

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Brewer's Guild: inactive

Cook's Guild: Catrin von Berlin called Gwen Cat; <http://rowdy.mscd.edu/~grasse/cooksguild1.htm>

Embroidery Guild: inactive

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Business Meetings: First Wednesday of the month at 7 pm at The Celtic Tavern, Riverside Downs in Littleton. 2620 W Bellevue Ave, Littleton, CO 80123. This is just past Santa Fe (to the West) on Bellevue.

Populace Gatherings: Have concluded for the winter months and will resume again after the snows end for the year sometime in Spring of 2011 at Cornerstone Park in the SW corner of the park, noon to 4 pm. 5150 S. Windermere St., Englewood, CO. There will be announcements on the Canton web site, as well as the Canton Newsletter and the newsletters of our many good neighbors around this region of the Kingdom of the Outlands.

Fighter Practice: Runs concurrent with Populace Gatherings, in same location.

Monthly Populace Pot-luck and Class: Lone Tree Civic Center, dates each month are posted on Readstan Yahoo Group list and freely cross-posted to other local lists and open to all who wish to attend. Everyone is welcome!



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February 12th
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The Firehouse is on Aurora Parkway just south of the Gartrell exit
from E-470. This is just south of the Safeway shopping center at
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No fighter Practice during the Winter Months.

Archery Practices:

No Archery practice during the winter months.

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Ravenhyrst A&S

- Dec 28** "Getting Ready for 12th Night"
Workshop at Hannah's house - 17910 Dickenson Place, Aurora, CO
- Jan 13** Friday night, general workshop @ 34052 Prairie Circle,
Elizabeth 80107
- Jan 21** Saturday, Baronial bread making workshop @ Hannah's house
- Feb 10** Friday night, general workshop @ 34052 Prairie Circle,
Elizabeth 80107
- Feb 29** Wednesday evening, class on competition documentation,
location to be announced
- Mar 16-18** Friday night and on through the weekend - Signy & Brynki's house

Brewing on Saturday and Sunday

Newcomers' orientation and helpful information

Air out your tents for Estrella (weather permitting)

St. Patrick's Day Party
- Mar 28** Wednesday - tentatively - Camp Boxes by Brynki - a class
on how to make camp boxes, location to be announced

Back up class - camp cooking